

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

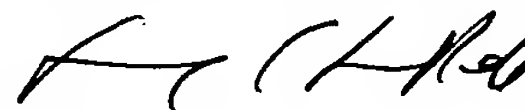
Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 1-3, 6-8, and 11-13 have been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 1-15 if the claims are amended to overcome the claim objections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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